

The Newsletter of the parishes of



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30th Sunday of the Year
23rd October, 2022

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Dear Parishioners

This Sunday, 23rd October, is World Mission Sunday, when Pope Francis invites all Catholic people to contribute to the work of "Missio," his charity for world mission. If you feel able to support the work of Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief you may place an offering in one of the collection boxes at the entrances to our churches. Please mark you envelope Mission Sunday. Those of you who have a set of weekly offering envelopes should have a special envelope for today.

Pope Francis writes:- 'You shall be my witnesses' are words that lie at the heart of Jesus' teaching to the disciples regarding their mission in the world. The disciples are to be witnesses of Jesus, in every place and situation, thanks to the grace of the Holy Spirit that they will receive. Christ was the first to be sent, as a 'missionary' of the Father (Jn 20:21), and as such, he is the Father's 'faithful witness' (cf. Rev 1:5).

In a similar way, every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. The Church's only mission, as the community of Christ's disciples, is to bring the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. Each baptised person is called to mission, in the Church and by the mandate of the Church: consequently, mission is carried out together, not individually, in communion with the ecclesial community.

May God bless us all.

Fr. Patterson.

All are welcome

Everyone is welcome to join us for the celebration of Mass in St. Patrick's and St. Alban's churches. In recent times, it has been a joy to welcome people of other faiths or none who have come to join us in worship.

Currently, only baptised Catholic people are able to receive Holy Communion and we ask that when you approach the altar you extend your hands towards the minister who will place the sacred host in your hand which you should then consume immediately before returning to your place.

If you are not a Catholic or are indisposed to receive Holy Communion, you are invited to come forward at the appropriate time and receive a blessing, indicating your desire by folding an arm across your chest.

Might God be calling you to be a priest?

The Vocations Team extends an invitation to men aged 18+, who might be thinking about a vocation to the Priesthood, to an enquirers evening. The evenings will take place at the Cloister Cafe, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, on: Tuesday, 25th October, 2022 and Tuesday, 6th December, 2022. The evenings start at 18.00 with a period of prayer, talk/discussion, followed by a meal together, finishing around 20.00. If you would like to attend, or for more information, please contact the Vocations Promoter - Fr Shaun Purdy vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk or by telephoning 01670 812 200.

Mass Intentions

Fr. Patterson will celebrate Mass for the following Intentions during the coming week. With the exception of Wednesday and Friday all Masses and Services are open to everyone.

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: **10.00 in St. Patrick's Church:** Father White

Wednesday: (Private Mass) Brian Quigley

Thursday: **10.00 in St. Patrick's Church:** Funeral Mass for Audrey Irving

Friday: (Private Mass) Private Intention

Saturday: 18.00 in St. Alban's Church: For the Intentions of all our parishioners

Sunday: 10.00 in St. Patrick's Church: Joan Neil

Mass to view on line

Mass is live streamed from our Cathedral on a Sunday. Visit the [Cathedral website](#).

Alternatively, you may like to follow Mass from [the Holy Name, Jesmond](#). Visit the website for Mass times this week.

When you are unable to celebrate Mass in Church, you may wish to make this act of spiritual communion:-

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Please keep in your prayers:

- all our parishioners who are sick, housebound or in hospital
- all those near and dear to us whose memories we cherish at this time especially Fr. White
- and John Southern who has died. "Receive Lord into tranquillity and peace the soul of your servant whom you have called from this life. May he be taken up into glory with your Son in whose great mystery of love we are all united.

A Prayer for those who are ill or have Covid

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain, knowing that your everlasting arms are here to hold them safe. Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for those who care for the sick

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for cures to the world's illnesses. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A Prayer for Ukraine

Father, hold the people of Ukraine deep in your heart. Protect them from violence, political gamesmanship and from being used and abused. Give the nations of the world the courage and wisdom to stand up for justice and the courage to care generously. Take from us those traits that see us pursuing our own needs and wants before those of others. Teach us to live in love, dignity and respect, following your ways. We ask this in your name and for your sake. Amen

Bishop Barron's Sunday Sermons

Each week Bishop Barron offers a Sunday sermon which may be accessed [here](#)

Refreshments after Mass

Refreshments will be served this Sunday in St. Patrick's parish centre after Mass.

Are you aged 50+?

From the morning of Friday 14th October, anyone aged 50 or over will be offered the extra protection of an Autumn Covid Booster vaccination. **Anyone aged 50 or over can [book their jab online](#)** or by calling 119.

Short and Sweet

The Parish Newsletter is slightly shorter this week and Fr. Patterson regrets that it will not be possible to provide you with a reflection and prayers this Sunday.